

Meeting Minutes

Hospitals and Housing Committee

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

1:30 PM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT:

Directors: K. Murdoch (Chair), J. Caradonna (Vice Chair), M. Alto (1:39 pm) (EP), P. Brent, S. Brice, Z. de Vries, S. Goodmanson (1:48 pm) (EP), G. Holman, S. Shrivastava (for P. Jones), C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex officio)

STAFF: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; S. Henderson, General Manager, Electoral Area Services; K. Lorette, General Manager, Housing, Planning and Protective Services; V. Samosan, A/Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Finance and Technology; M. Barnes, Senior Manager, Health and Capital Planning Strategies; D. Elliot, Senior Manager, Regional Housing; M. Miklea, Deputy Corporate Officer/Manager, Legislative Services; J. Ives, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director Jones

Guests: Dr. Réka Gustafson, Vice President, Population and Public Health and Chief Medical Health Officer, Island Health; Rebekah Kirk, Regional Supervisor, Tobacco and Vapour Prevention and Control Program, Island Health; Jesse Tarbotton, Director, Capital Planning, Real Estate and Leasing, Island Health

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Murdoch provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Brent,
That the agenda for the Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting of
April 1, 2026 be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [26-0388](#) Minutes of the Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting of March 4, 2026

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Brent,
That the minutes of the Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting of
March 4, 2026 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

- 5.1.1. [26-0346](#) Presentation: Dr. Réka Gustafson, Vice President, Population and Public Health and Chief Medical Health Officer, Island Health
Re: Clean Air Bylaw Enforcement Update

R. Gustafson and R. Kirk presented Item 5.1.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the reduction in number of incidents and complaints over five years
- how regulation of new nicotine products is minimal under the federal Natural Health Products Act
- the large number of unregulated nicotine products available labelled as smoking cessation aids
- how health authorities, physicians, cancer associations and scientific advisory boards generally advocate in relation to tobacco and nicotine
- data showing higher rates of vaping among women
- how the Clean Air Bylaw should remain focused on tobacco as a known, persistent and heavily marketed carcinogen
- how the impacts of vaping will take decades to manifest at a population level
- the imperative of acting now to stem any emerging trends that might lead to increased tobacco use in future

Director Alto joined the meeting electronically at 1:39 pm.

Director Goodmanson joined the meeting electronically at 1:48 pm.

5.2. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [26-0138](#) Regional Equity Investments

V. Samosan presented Item 6.1. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- confirmation that the total funding received from the Growing Communities Fund and allocated by the CRD Board did not include grants allocated directly to the municipalities by the Province
- how capital funding for housing projects as presented includes CRD inputs as well as additional grants and funding by BC Housing
- how the majority of spending is tracked by project and it will require additional work to parse out the various funding streams

6.2. [26-0232](#) 2026 Minor Capital Projects and Equipment - Approval of Capital Bylaw No. 433

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding the regional distribution by Island Health of various miscellaneous equipment purchases under \$100,000.00.

**MOVED by Director Brice, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
Hospital District Board:**

- 1) That the recommended 2026 Minor Capital Projects totaling \$3,750,000 be approved and expensed from the 2026 requisition;**
- 2) That the recommended 2026 equipment grants of \$30,000 to Mount St. Mary Hospital and \$2,925,000 to Island Health be approved and expensed from the 2026 requisition;**
- 3) That Bylaw No. 433, "Capital Regional Hospital District Capital Bylaw No. 200, 2026", be introduced and read a first, second and third time; and**
- 4) That Bylaw No. 433 be adopted.**

CARRIED

Opposed: Director Brent

6.3. [26-0380](#) Pender Health Care Clinic Capital Funding

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- how Island Health does not own the Pender Health Care Clinic but leases a portion of the space from the Pender Island Health Care Society
- the lease agreement is under review with renewal anticipated in 2027
- the primary occupants of the leased space, including nurse practitioners and mental health staff
- confirmation that physicians are currently occupying space separate from that leased by Island Health
- how Island Health funding for physicians' overhead expenses does not sufficiently cover rental payments
- how various tenants provide services and contribute funding to the Pender Health Care Clinic

**MOVED by Director Brice, SECONDED by Director Caradonna
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional Hospital District Board:
That no adjustments be made, at this time, to the minor capital funding to include Pender Health Unit.**

Amending Motion:

**MOVED by Director Brent, SECONDED by Director Holman,
That the main motion be amended to insert the wording "but that opportunities to explore funding capital for equipment be advanced", after the wording "Health Unit".
CARRIED**

The question was called on the main motion as amended:

**The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional Hospital District Board:
That no adjustment be made, at this time, to the minor capital funding to include Pender Health Unit, but that opportunities to explore funding capital for equipment be advanced.
CARRIED**

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

7.1. [26-0287](#) Motion with Notice: Salt Spring Island Long Term Care Advocacy Letter (Director Holman)

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Brent,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional Hospital District Board:
That the CRHD Board advocate to Island Health requesting they complete the needs assessment for long term care on Salt Spring Island and seek Ministry of Health approval for related site and facility planning, and examination of possible funding partnerships.
CARRIED

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Brent,
That the Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting of April 1, 2016 be adjourned at 2:58 pm.
CARRIED

Chair

Recorder